



MASONIC DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Office of the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New-York, No. 1887.

Brethren: Upon two of the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge acted upon last June, as found on page 10 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, you are constrained to ask immediate action by the lodges. These amendments relate to the formation of the metropolitan district, and the same will be in view of the enlargement of the New-York City. On the first day of January, 1888, the County of Richmond will be come part of Greater New-York, but it is not included immediately in the metropolitan district. The remaining lodges on Long Island outside the County of Kings, but in the territory of Greater New-York, is also affected by these amendments, and they have already voted in favor of motion to declare advanced what lodges in Brooklyn, Kings County, will have jurisdiction between January 1 and the next session of the Grand Lodge all material residing within the boundaries of the Grand Lodge which probably may become effectual if approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the lodges.

It is hereby directed that the next stated communication of the Grand Lodge shall be submitted to the members of the lodges of the metropolitan district, and that they be called to a meeting to consider the same.

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Amend Article I, Section 10, to read as follows:

"The metropolitan district shall be composed of the counties of New-York, Kings, Richmond, New-York and Westchester. When the Grand Master shall be chosen from the metropolitan district, the Deputy Grand Master shall be chosen from the Grand Lodge of the State other than the metropolitan district, the Senior Grand Warden from the Grand Lodge of the State other than the metropolitan district, and when the Grand Master shall be chosen from any portion of the State other than the metropolitan district, the Deputy Grand Master shall be chosen from the Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden shall be chosen from some part of the State other than the metropolitan district. The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary shall be chosen from the Grand Secretary-at-Arms, residence of four months immediately preceding such election shall be required to comply with this provision."

Amend Article XVII, Section 107, to read as follows:

"The jurisdiction of a lodge over candidates for initiation extends over all persons residing nearer to it by an air line than to any other lodge within that jurisdiction, except that lodges in those states located in a village or city those lodges shall have equal jurisdiction, and that lodges in the counties of New-York and Kings, as said lodges were constituted on January 1, 1887, shall have jurisdiction only over all candidates residing in those counties, which jurisdiction shall be equal to that of the State."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND,
By the Grand Master, Grand Master.

E. M. EHLERS, Grand Secretary.

IN GAEL LODGE.

AN OATH TO THE GRAND MARSHAL.

Gael Lodge No. 53 met Friday night and "did itself proud." The cozy lodger in the Annexed District was crowded to overflowing, and not from Gael only and the nearby lodges, but from all parts of the city. From every district brethren came to assist Gael Lodge in its efforts to do its "favorite son," R. W. J. Stewart, Wilson, the Grand Marshal and Master of Gael No. 53. The third degree was on the programme, and while it is known that good work is done here and the lodge is always well attended, it became known also that the popular Past D. D. was to be honored by the lodge, and the active brethren from everywhere desired to participate in the ceremony and to show their appreciation of the good work done by this active Mason in the quanities of the craft. Masonry and Masons appreciate the true devotee, the honest man and the man "who is straight" and acts upon the square, with unselfish zeal and for the good of the craft.

The third degree was given in the following order: First section by the Master, the second section by W. Aaron Stern, of Centennial Lodge, and the historical lecture was delivered in exceedingly appropriate manner.

During the ceremony and between the first and second sections Past Master W. Francis D. Haines gave a short speech, in which he said to him:

"Right Worshipful Sir. In ancient times, after glorious victories had been won by the general on the field of battle by the orator in the forum, upon their return to the camp the people were wont to repeat them gladly and receive the greatest honour they knew how to bestow. This custom became the almost invincible rule, not alone because the recipient was deservedly honoured, but because the name of the general had defended, and the position which the orator had brought to the people honor, glory and fame of all which they were justly proud. In former times, as a nation is true also in these days, in the name of those who make up societies, the well done, good and faithful servants is rarely withheld from the highest distinction, and the brotherhood is greatly gratified and appreciative friends. To-night, Right Worshipful Sir, after your victorious return from the last Grand Lodge of our noble fraternity, become the most singular work of your undying devotion to duty, your undying loyalty to friends, your untiring efforts in behalf of the good of the craft, your deep sense of appreciation for the distinguished honour which has been conferred upon Gael Lodge, by reason of your appointment as Master of the Order of the Gavel, we have delegated to me the agreeable task of presenting to you this baton and this apron, and with them not only their kindest wishes for your future prosperity, but also the hope that you will still greater honour in every field of labor to await the peaceful coming of your Lord and Master."

May God, in His sign and abundant grace, bless your life and end you with a pure heart."

ROYAL ARCH NOTES.

Union Chapter reconvened Saturday night, E. Robert H. Clark, the High Priest, welcomed the companions back to the Tabernacle. There was no degree conferred, the entire evening being devoted to the social hour.

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